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who are injured, that right. I would ask for your support to return this bill to Select File for this amendment. It is the right thing to do. The act has not worked and it has harmed many Nebraska citizens. It is time we repeal this. I would ask for your support.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Very briefly, Mr. President, this certainly is one option. It is an option I don't happen to agree with and I think the law has been very beneficial. As I suggested earlier, I think the corrections or adjustments based upon the experience of the last seven, eight years are justified and are very fair and I would urge you not to go along with the proposal of Senator Kilgarin to repeal the law completely which is what her proposal is.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas and then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I'd oppose calling back this particular bill. I was on a hospital board in the early '70s and prior to 1976 when the first bill came in and I saw firsthand what happened when the fear and the things that were happening in California and across the nation as far as lawsuits were going and the increasing cost of the insurance, malpractice insurance, for hospitals and doctors. This bill has did, they have reviewed it, the bill, or what has happened since 1976. There has been some adjustments made to update it, to correct some of the problems they had and I would urge you not to vote to recall it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President, I think Senator Kilgarin is a little premature with this amendment. She doesn't realize the terrible expenses that doctors have already for insurance. They have to pay insurance on their Cadillacs, they have to pay insurance on their yachts, they have to pay insurance on their summer homes. Senator Kilgarin, you are going to break these poor guys. I think everybody appreciates the facetiousness of those remarks. Just before we went to lunch today I was talking to some